



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Notice and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: 30-day notice and request for comments: Application to Open a Billing Account.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on agency service delivery, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3519 (PRA), the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) gives notice that it is requesting from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the collection, Application to Open a Billing Account.

The Board previously published a notice about this collection in the Federal Register on January 28, 2015, at 80 FR 4634. That notice allowed for a 60-day public review and comment period. No comments were received.

Comments may now be submitted to OMB concerning: (1) the accuracy of the Board's burden estimates; (2) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; (3) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, when appropriate; and (4) whether this collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Board, including whether the collection has practical utility.

DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTION

Title: Application to Open a Billing Account.

OMB Control Number: 2140-0006

STB Form Number: STB Form 1032

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Rail carriers, shippers, and others doing business before the STB.

Number of Respondents: 5

Estimated Time Per Response: Less than .08 hours, based on actual survey of respondents.

Frequency: One time per respondent.

Total Burden Hours (annually including all respondents): Less than 0.4 hours.

Total “Non-hour Burden” Cost: No “non-hour cost” burdens associated with this collection have been identified.

Needs and Uses: The Board is, by statute, responsible for the economic regulation of freight rail carriers and certain other carriers operating in interstate commerce. The Application to Open a Billing Account is a form used by persons doing business before the Board who wish to open an account with the Board to facilitate their payment of filing fees; fees for the search, review, copying, and certification of records; and fees for other services rendered by the Board. An account holder is billed on a monthly basis for

payment of accumulated fees. Data provided is also used for debt collection activities.

The application form requests information as required by OMB and U.S. Department of Treasury regulations for the collection of fees. This information is not duplicated by any other agency. In accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a, all taxpayer identification and social security numbers are secured and used only for credit management and debt collection activities.

Retention Period: The STB retains this information until respondent asks to close account and outstanding debts, if any, are paid in full.

DATES: Written comments are due on June 1, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be identified as “Paperwork Reduction Act Comments, Application to Open an Account for Billing Purposes, OMB Number 2140-0006.” These comments should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Chandana Achanta, Surface Transportation Board Desk Officer, by email at

OIRA_SUBMISSION@OMB.EOP.GOV; by fax at (202) 395-6974; or by mail to Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE STB

FORM,CONTACT: Marcin Skomial, (202) 245-0346. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, a Federal agency conducting or sponsoring a collection of information must display a currently valid OMB control

number. A collection of information, which is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c), includes agency requirements that persons submit reports, keep records, or provide information to the agency, third parties, or the public. Section 3507(b) of the PRA requires, concurrent with an agency's submitting a collection to OMB for approval, a 30-day notice and comment period through publication in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information.

Dated: March 31, 2015.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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